

PATENT**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Docket No.: FILIPP

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In re Application of:)	
HORST FILIPP)	Examiner: Flemming Saether
Appl. No: 09/977,451)	Group Art Unit: 3679
Filed: 10/15/2001)	
For: SPREADER DOWEL)	

OFFICIAL**RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION
dated October 9, 2003**

MAIL STOP NON-FEE AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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This communication is in response to the Official Action of October 9, 2003,
having a shortened period for response terminating January 9, 2004.

The Commissioner is hereby petitioned to extend the period for response to
above-referenced Official Action by ONE month until February 9, 2004.

[] Accompanying this amendment is the appropriate fee of \$ pursuant to
37 C.F.R. §1.17(c) and 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a).